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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

**LONDON.**—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOSWOLD, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.  
**PARIS AND EUROPE.**—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.  
**NEW YORK.**—ANDREW WARD, 133, Nassau Street.  
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**SAN FRANCISCO** and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.  
**SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.**—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. O. HENNINGSEN & Co., Manila.  
**CHINA.**—Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Agents, Canton & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow. HENRI & Co., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WILSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## BANKS.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
E. E. BELLING, Esq.  
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.  
H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
Hon. W. KESWIDE.

**CHIEF MANAGER.**  
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

**HONGKONG.**

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

**ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.**

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

**RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.**  
At 3 months' notice 8 per annum.  
" 6 " " 6 " "  
" 12 " " 5 " "

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

**ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.**

Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

**CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.**

CAPITAL, £800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

**THE BANK OF ENGLAND.**

**THE CITY BANK.**

**NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.**

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

**RATES of INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.**

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.**

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL, £750,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £151,560.10.

**THE BANK OF ENGLAND.**

**THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.**

**RATES of Interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.**

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount for approved short sight acceptances, 6 per annum.

Rates for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

#### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH AND DEED BOXES.

RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUTLERY.

MAPPIN BROS.' GENTS' DRESSING CASES.

WATERLOO'S & DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.

BILLIARD CLOTHS, and BILLIARD CHALK.

BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS.

TABLE GLASSWARE and CROCKERY.

BRUSH-WARE of all kinds.

ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.

MALT.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CAUSTIC SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD STORES.

California SODA CRACKERS.

Family PIG PORK in kegs.

Family MESS BEEF in kegs.

Compressed CORNED BEEF.

Compressed OX TONGUES.

Compressed HAM.

BARCELONA and PEA NUTS, &c., &c., &c.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY, NOYEAU, and JUICE.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

"O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY (Bottled by L. A. & Co.).

Bass's ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burks.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burks.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kinderkins and Hhds.

CLARET, in Cask.

LANMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

**WEDNESDAY,**

the 7th August, 1878, at 11 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard,—

Sundry Condemned Naval and Victualling STORES, comprising—

Old Wrought Iron, Hoses, Glass, Rags, Boots, Biscuit Dust, Chocolate, Peas, Tobacco.

Flannel, Duck, Serge, Shoes.

Library Books, Implements, etc., etc.

And,

1 Iron Lathe.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, at Noon on

**TUESDAY,**

the 20th of August next,—

ALL the VALUABLE LAND, HOUSES, &c., &c., situate at the Port of TAM-SUI, FORMOSA, and known as the PAOU-SHEN PROPERTY, in TWO LOTS.

Lot 1 consisting of GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSE, GARDENS, STABLING &c., &c.,

Lot 2 a plot of UPLAND GROUND very suitable for building purposes.

For particulars of property, and terms of sale, apply to

ELLES & Co., Tam-sui.

Tam-sui, 28th July, 1878.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been authorized to sign our Firm per

Procurator.

HERSE & Co.

Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our

Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm

CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS.

CARBOLIC ACID, the best disinfectant.

PORCELAIN ICE PITCHERS.

KEILLER'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.

FOSTER'S BOTTLED ALE and STOUT.

VEYRON'S CAFE-TIERRES.

CURCIER and ADER'S CLARETS.

BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

French JAMS.

Scotch OATMEAL.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN-GRASS SEED.

TEA TASTER'S CUPS, POTS, SCALES and TIME GLASSES.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

French SUMMER SHOES.

CHRISTY'S HATS.

BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

PEARL TOILET SOAP.

English HAMS.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

SPARKLING BURGUNDY.

CHOICE PORT for Invalids.

Foster's Bottled ALE and STOUT.

CURACAO, MARASCHINO, and CHARTREUSE.

HENDRIKS' PERRUMERY.

Bass's ALE, by Foster, highly recommended for purity, and the extreme Care used in Bottling.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 17, 1878.

## SAYLE & Co.

### VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

OUR ANNUAL SALE of SURPLUS-SUMMER STOCK will Commence on

WEDNESDAY, August 7th, and be Continued for 23 DAYS ONLY.

MAGNIFICENT FANCY SILKS, Reduced to \$1.00 per Yard.

PLAIN COLOURED FRENCH SILKS, " 65 Cents.

BEST QUALITY JAPANESE SILKS, " 50 "

FANCY GRENADINE DRESS GOODS.

WHITE MUSLIN DRESS GOODS.

COLOURED MUSLIN DRESS GOODS.

LAWNS, HOLLANDS, GINGHAMS.

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

COTTON and THREAD ROSE, HANDKERCHIEFS,

COLLARS and CUFFS.

At about Half Price.

Trimmed and Untrimmed HATS and BONNETS,

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, LACE GOODS.

At less than Cost Price.

A Lot of HANDSOMELY TRIMMED French and English-made UNDER-LINEN, at One Quarter of former Prices.

A Lot of CORSETS, Best-made and Shape, quite perfect at \$1.50.

15,000 Yards of REMNANTS, comprising—FLANNELS, PRINTS, CALICOES, &c., &c., at ridiculously low prices.

A few Baskets of RIBBON REMNANTS, marked Exceedingly Cheap.

This EXTRAORDINARY SALE will terminate on September 1st.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY will be carried on as usual during the Sale.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of August next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd, to THURSDAY, the 15th August next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.

A. A. HAYES, Jn., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets, \$31,700,000

Surplus, \$5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYFANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

## Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1877, in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the Year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

CAPE D'AGUILAR LIGHT-HOUSE.

## WANTED.

THIRD LIGHT-HOUSE KEEPER, Salary Forty Dollars a Month.

Candidates should send in their Names to the Colonial Secretary before the 15th of August, giving particulars of Age and previous Services, together with Testimonials.

A knowledge of Chinese Colloquial is desirable. Further particulars can be obtained upon application to the Harbour Master.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHERIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHARE



## Intimations.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO.  
IS NOW OPEN.  
HOURS FOR SITTING: EVERY DAY FROM 7 TILL 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

MR. H. SCHÜREN respectfully requests all persons desiring to have their Portraits, to notice well the earlier hours for sitting, as the only means to obtain, during the present season, those fine half tints and details so much admired, especially in White Dresses. Photos taken after 10 o'clock a.m. cannot be guaranteed to be to every satisfaction.

The Atelier cannot be open for more than Two Months.

## NOVELTY.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S NEW SALOON PICTURES,  
THE FINEST PRESENTS TO BE CHOSEN.  
No Really Elegant Drawing Room should be without them.

MR. SCHÜREN has much pleasure in introducing in this Colony, the new Style of Photos which undoubtedly will find admirers amongst the intelligent. The new Saloon Picture is unrivalled for its effects in artistic lighting and its beautiful details, especially for LADY'S EVENING DRESSES and every kind of Embroidered and Plain White Dresses.  
Hongkong, July 10, 1878.

## CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it has become known to the Proprietors of Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne, that a Medicine, emanating from an unscrupulous London firm, is exported to India and China, and sold to purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne:  
1st.—That Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne is sold only in cases.  
2nd.—The words "Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne" are clearly blown in each bottle.  
3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and Signature of Patentees are printed on the label of every case.  
4th.—Directions for use in all the following languages are enclosed in each case, without which none can possibly be genuine.

English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madras, Bengalee, Chinese and Japanese.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE  
Is the Only Reliable Remedy for  
Nervous and Liver Complaints

## Functional Derangements.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE is patronised by the aristocracy and the elite, extensively used in the army and navy, and strongly recommended by the leading Medical Practitioners.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE  
Is sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the Globe.

N.B.—Ask for DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE, and do not be persuaded to take any useless and possibly dangerous substitute.

## Notices to Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER CITY OF SANTIAGO,  
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by Messrs. NORDON & Co. into Messrs. TUNNERS & Co.'s Quay Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-day.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Bark MANILA, L.L. GONZALEZ, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the American Bark "BENEFACITOR," from New York, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.  
THE S. S. MORAY having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. ARRATON, Master, Captain A. B. MacTAVISH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

8. S. DIEMNAH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Euphrate and Copernic, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 5th Instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after SATURDAY, the 10th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

TH 1644, Mr. L. Thevenin, from Marseilles.

1 case Ink, "P. H. H." from Marseilles.

B No. 419/21 Order, 15 Cases from Wines, "P. H. H." from Marseilles.

Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

TO-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "TAIWAN,"

Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 8th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "KARO,"

T. COLLING, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY Next, the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to J. A. MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "ARRATON APCAR,"

Captain A. B. MacTAVISH, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 13th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

FOR HONOLULU.

The 41 French Bark "MADEIRINE,"

PATEAU, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

TO LET.

(With possession from 1st September next.)

THE COMMODORE'S PREMISES, known as "DEWILD," SYRROU ROAD, at present in the occupation of the Hon. G. Z. PHILIPPO.

Apply to LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. SPEKE HALL having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods and Optum are being landed by Messrs. NORDON & Co. into Messrs. TUNNERS & Co.'s Quay Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharves of Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by BIRLEY & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

SILK UMBRELLAS, Purse, Key-rings, Riding Whips, Hammers, Keyless Clocks, Engravings, Wine Glasses, Tumblers, Pistols, Porcelain Flower Vases, 8 cases Port Wine, &c., &c.  
Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

STORAGE OF COAL.

COAL LADEN VESSELS can be Discharged alongside the WANCHAI PIER and their Cargoes stored in Godowns of same at Current Rates.

For particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 6, Chochoa, British barque, from Whampoa.

Aug. 6, Killarney, British steamer, 1060, O'Neill, Melbourne, Sydney, and Newcastle (N.S.W.) July 16, Coal.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Aug. 6, Quang-On, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

Aug. 6, Speke Hall, British steamer, 1780, Wm. Brand, Singapore Aug. 1; General.—BIRLEY & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Aug. 6, Tanais, for Yokohama.

Aug. 6, Argentina, for Foochow.

Aug. 6, Argenta, for Calcutta.

Aug. 6, Kestrel, for Ningpo.

Aug. 6, Camos, for Saigon.

Aug. 6, Oceania, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Aug. 6, Olympia, for Swatow.

Aug. 6, Conquest, for Hoihow & Haiphong.

Aug. 6, Djinnah, for Shanghai.

Aug. 6, Paros, for Singapore, &c.

Aug. 6, Fair Leader, for Yokohama.

DEPART.

Per Killarney, from Melbourne, &c., Mrs. and Miss O'Neill.

Per Speke Hall, from Singapore, 3 Cabin, and 88 deck.

DEPART.

Per Oceania, for Yokohama, Capt. W. F. Curtis, R.A., Ass. Commisary, General J. Moore, and one Chinese, for San Francisco.

Per Tanais, for Yokohama, Capt. C. O. Fuller, Mr. W. J. Robinson, 5 Europeans, and 220 Chinese.

Per Argentina, for Ningpo, 61 Chinese.

Per Argenta, for Swatow, 62 Chinese.

Per Kestrel, for Shanghai, 1 European, and 49 Chinese.

Per Olympia, for Swatow, 76 Chinese.

Per Conquest, for Hoihow and Haiphong, 50 Chinese.

Per Paros, for Straits, 193 Chinese.

DEPART.

Per Norden, for Nagasaki, 4 Europeans.

Per Paros, for Manila, 4 Europeans.

Per Rajanathianahar, for Bangkok, 111 Chinese and 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Killarney reports: Left Newcastle July 16th, came by the inner passage and had to anchor 5 nights in consequence of the nights being so dark, thereby losing 57 hours. When first left had N.E. winds and Southern currents, rest of the passage fine weather until Sunday night last, since which time have had much rain.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close—

For AMOY, TAIWANFOO, & TAMSUI—

Per Taiwan, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 7th inst.

For SHANGHAI—

Per Hesperia, at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 7th inst.

For MANILA—

Per Paros, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 7th inst., instead of as previously notified.

Per Leyte, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 7th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO—

Per City of Santiago, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 7th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW—

Per Kwangtung, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 8th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—

Per Madras, at 1.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th inst.

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG—

Per Karo, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 10th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA—

Per Arratton Apcar and Moray, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet Surat will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 10th August.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet Normandy will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 13th Instant, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Zefiro will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 10th inst. With Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

Shipping.

2 p.m.—Hesperia leaves for Shanghai.

2 p.m.—Leyte leaves for Manila.

2 p.m.—Amsterdam leaves for Samarang on about this date.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1878.

THE meaning of the telegram we publish in another column, with reference to Lord Hartington's motion, is that the House of Commons has expressed its approval of the policy of the British Government on the Eastern Question by the overwhelming majority of 338 votes to 185.

Lord Hartington's motion, of which notice was given on the 20th July, is thus referred to in the telegrams published by our Indian contemporaries:—"The Marquis of Hartington has given notice of a motion in the House of Commons to the effect that it is a cause for rejoicing that the European Congress has resulted in the maintenance of peace, but regretting the incomplete settlement of the Greek claims, the undefined responsibility incurred and which is unknown to Parliament."

This motion was no doubt the form in which the Liberal party, or rather a section of it, carried out their promise of challenging the policy of the Government. Its fate must be a crushing blow for the Gladstonian section, and a great triumph for the Government.

It seems from an official statement in the House of Commons on the 11th July that about 10,000 troops are to occupy Cyprus, consisting of the Indian contingent sent to Malta, and a few British battalions. Sir Garnet Wolsley, who has already started for his destination, with 7,000 of the 10,000 troops. According to the Daily News the stay of the Indian troops at Cyprus will be only temporary, the intention being to keep only a small permanent garrison of British troops on the island, who will be assisted by a local militia, which is to be formed.

Whether, however, a large garrison be maintained on the island or a small one, it is pretty certain that some extensive fortifications will be erected there. Cyprus was avowedly occupied by British troops as a set-off, on the part of England, to the Russian aggressions in Turkey; it is to be a new British outpost in the Mediterranean—a sort of vantage ground from which the Russian Bear can be watched, and where warlike operations can be organised, should the necessity for them again arise, without Turkey being bothered for the loan of an island for the purpose, and the permission to occupy it being "negotiated" with the other states in Europe.

The statement of the Standard that a reduction in the fleet on the China Station is in contemplation, means no more, we presume, than that the occasion for the presence of the Shannon, Ruby and Diamond in the Far East having passed, these vessels are likely to be immediately ordered home again—a step that must have been generally anticipated.

While dealing with Reuter's telegrams we may also correct one or two errors in the advices published here a week or two ago. The telegram stating that "the Reserves are to be disbanded at the Cape on the 31st July, in accordance with the terms of the Amnesty," should have been two separate advices, as follows:—"The Reserve Forces" (in the United Kingdom) "will be disbanded on the 31st July" and "Latest advices from Cape Town announce that H. E. the Governor has granted an amnesty to the insurgent natives." Again, the telegram asserting that "the Pontifical Intermunio to England has been mediated," should have read "It is stated that the Pope mediates sending a Pontifical Intermunio to England."

Ten P. & O. S. S. Kashgar, with the outward mails, left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. on Sunday, the 4th inst.

The "Old Thespians" controversy may now, we think, be very well brought to a close. "An Old Pedestrian's" letter savours much of "Mark Twain."

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

(By Southern Route.)

LONDON, 5th August, 1878.

The Standard states that a reduction in the Fleet on the China Station is in contemplation.

LONDON, 4th August, 1878.

The House of Commons has negated the motion of Lord Hartington by 338 votes to 185.

Lord Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury have been entertained at a Banquet and been presented with the Freedom of the City of London.

Lord Beaconsfield, in a speech, stated he believed that peace would be durable.

The Russian Army are making preparations for proceeding Homewards.



to draw his knife when the Captain was going to put him in irons.

The case was remanded until 3 past 3 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday), defendant being released on bail.

## Marine Court.

(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Marine Magistrate.)  
August 6, 1878.

**WILFULLY DAMAGING SHIP'S PROPERTY.**  
Antonio Spavante and Antonio Bolognino, seamen British ship *Arctic*, were charged with wilfully and maliciously damaging ship's property while the ship was at sea.

Captain Klenoth said that on several occasions the defendants had wilfully and maliciously destroyed and damaged ship's property and stores. They had damaged (by cutting it) a fore-top-sail, capsize a cask of varnish containing about 16 gallons, knocked the panels out of the bulwarks and thrown a large chafing mat over the side. The damage he estimated to be about \$45.26.

Julius Augustin Franklin, an able seaman, said he was on the top-sail yard with the 1st defendant; they were ready to pick up the sail, when defendant took out his knife and cut the sail across the cloth. He had also seen defendant going round with an iron belaying-pin knocking portions of the top gallant rail overboard, after which it they broke by the sea, and the forecastle. He had seen the 2nd defendant throw a mat overboard, which measured 4 feet by 2 feet. He had also seen him on one occasion go down the fore-hatch and come up all over coal-dust, and said he had been to the varnish barrel. The cask of varnish was subsequently found to have been capsize.

Moloney, another A. B., gave corroborative evidence. He said:—One night I was standing under the top gallant forecastle. I was in the dark and 1st defendant was in the light; I saw him pull a piece of the bulwark off. It had been broken before by the sea, but he broke it more.

Bernard Anderson, sworn, stated:—I am an able seaman on board the *Arctic*. I have seen the defendants destroy the bulwarks on several occasions, and use the broken pieces for making seats. I have seen them make three seats and a wash-board. The wash-board was made for the comfort of all hands. I have seen the 1st defendant cut the cloth of the sail, and the cloth was torn. I heard Spavante say he had lost his knife. I have seen the 2nd prisoner in possession of ship's property.

The 2nd prisoner told me that he intended to go down below and capsize a cask of varnish, and it was capsize. He said he had a grudge against the ship; there was plenty of varnishing, and painting, and scraping, and he would stop the varnishing. He told me he had capsize the varnish and about half an hour afterwards the fore-hatch was taken off and there was a small of varnish. I did not think it my duty to report to the officers; in fact, I did not consider it safe to do so. I had heard him threaten several times to use a knife. He said he would fight like a Grog. There was no such thing as fair fighting with him. He kicked a boy in the jaw.

1st defendant denied that he cut the top-sail, and said he was working at the top-sail the day after it was cut and lost his knife then. He admitted that he took two or three pieces of the bulwarks which were so much gone that he pulled them off with his hands. All the men in the ship had a spite against him and the 2nd defendant.

2nd defendant denied all knowledge of the varnish; he was seen going down below; he went to get a piece of wood to make a seat; it was only a spiteful charge against him. He acknowledged throwing the mat overboard.

Anderson, recalled, said he would positively swear that 2nd defendant said he had capsize the varnish, and he would positively swear that he had seen 1st defendant use a belaying pin to knock off pieces of the bulwarks.

Franklin, recalled, said he would positively swear he saw the 1st defendant cut the top-sail; he was alongside of him at the time.

Captain Klenoth said the damage was roughly \$13 to the bulwarks and \$3.75 for the mat.

His Worship ordered 1st defendant (Spavante) to forfeit \$15 for the damage done to bulwarks, and \$15 for cutting the top-sail; and 2nd defendant to forfeit \$3.75 for the mat, and \$5.50 for capsize the varnish; in addition to which they were sentenced to one month's hard labour each.

## REFUSAL OF DUTY.

James Robertson, seaman British barque *Bertha Biglow*, was charged with refusal of duty, and was ordered to be taken on board his ship.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 5th August.  
Sir,—Every thing appears to be at a premium now-a-days in our little Colony. Some of the stocks of our "local enterprises" are indeed at a high premium, and I think we are once more approaching the days of Fremont and Roydon's speculation; but the stock of one unfortunate company—Hongkong Hotel—is still at a discount, and at a large one too. Like a clerk's income, the resources of the institution appear to be circumscribed. Poor Hotel! where are thy promoters!

In addition to the suggestions I made the other day, I have also to suggest the quotation in your daily issue, of chopped gollan. These were once at a large discount, but are now at a premium! How has this been brought about? I should like to know what the great speaker at our public meetings has to say regarding this. I mean the gentleman who is sharp-witted, and has a flow of high sentiment.

Hence rents are already at a premium to those who aspire to no higher position than that of scribes. And I should not be at all

surprised that the necessities of life will be at a premium also.

Happy Hongkong! Thy days of prosperity are being revived, under the administration of the much-bombarded Governor Hennessey, and with the increase of Chinese houses in the midst of those of foreign residences.

Yours do.  
X. Y. Z.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 5th August 1878.  
Sir,—The pugnacious and belligerent "Thespians" is on the war path again. Scarcely had the sounds of grief and lamentation for the departure of our old and esteemed friend "The Old Thespian," when in valises the "Old Thespian," as fresh as the flowers of May, that he is so gay, as around them we play, and with the impetuous and combative cheek of an army major, he fills up a column of your priceless paper, which otherwise might have been devoted to the Canton Market Report, or to something light and interesting in the way of a freight circular, or an account from Mr Rivington of "What I know about banks."

These might be swallowed and digested; men of sound organization and perfect health, whose constitutions have not been weakened by early intemperance, have been known to get away with them and live—but not often.

You observe, Mr Editor, how gracefully and easily he slides into his subject. He has lost none of his old force and vigor. During his long and grateful silence, the simple, pure and high-toned elegance of language with which he abounds and vanishes his antagonist in something quite rare in these degenerate days of journalism. It is easy to be seen that he graduated in the old school of politeness, and went through the highest classes—clean out on the roof most probably. He opens fire on those young and indiscreet correspondents from the beginning, and makes it very warm for them indeed.

He says, "The signatures attached to these charming billets clearly indicate the feeble minds of the writers," and "The gentleman who mistakes his blatant vulgarity for polished wit." What could be more quietly, smoothly, elegantly, courteously sarcastic than this! Shakespeare probably could not have written like it, or even if he could he didn't. He knew better.

The English people were not accustomed to stand much foolishness in those days. There seems to be one grave difficulty in his way: he hasn't room to spread himself. Why not allow him, Mr Editor, four or five columns every day, and in six or seven years, if you gave him his head, he might explain all his views to us, solemnly and fully, and point out to us where we are in the wrong, and give us the benefit of his long experience.

Mr Editor, what does "Old Thespian" mean by his headings, "Fools run in when Angels fear to tread"? Does that refer to the "Aged Thespian," or to the younger and more inexperienced writers, like myself, who will "rush into print and notoriety," and against the literary lance of "Old Thespian," and who have never had much dramatic experience in London, and who don't know Mr Stephen Adams from a crow?

But what bothers me is, where does the "Old Thespian" get all his information from? Who has been telling him that Mesmerism is different from Spiritualism? If this be true, how is it that we were not told something about it before? An important matter like this should be known and published.

People don't like to have so much knowledge sprung on them all at once.

Who is this Lindley Murray anyhow? Another old friend of his, I suppose.

But this is what the Aged deposes and says, and says it in italics too, so that settles it. "When your correspondent speaks of Mesmerism and the supernatural as one and the same thing, he displays an amount of ignorance on a popular theme, which is truly lamentable."

Now is the time for "your correspondent" to hide his diminished head and lift up his voice and lament the best he knows how, for this certainly does show the densest ignorance that ever appeared in print. I am surprised at you, "Young Thespian." How is it you were not posted in this before you "rushed into print"? Mr Dave Carson, where is your imagination now? You also can lament, if you feel like it, for remember you were patronized when you were among us.

The "Old Thespian" says in one of his letters (beginning it with an "I"), like Tony Weller, ending with a "we," "I patronized Mr Carson." Well, well.

Now, Mr Editor, there may be some among us who have never taken as many chances as "Old Thespian," and haven't roamed around London for years, getting acquainted with all the dramatic and literary men, and Kings and Emperors, and picked up all sorts of scientific knowledge and Mesmerism and Spiritualism and all that kind of thing, who would like to have these things explained.

But truly, Mr Editor, don't it strike you as stepping a trifle—say fifty or seventy-five miles or so—over the line of polite journalism when he accuses me of "blatant vulgarity" and "lamentable ignorance," however much they deserve it?

But perhaps they don't know that they do deserve it, or they wouldn't have "rushed into print and notoriety."

I wouldn't. A word of non-professional advice to you, aged Thespian.

Go it while you're old, and the world will yet hear more of you.

In the classic language of "our old friend" William H. Shakespeare, in his somewhat meritorious play of "Midsummer Night's Dream," "enveloped by tradition in mysterious attributes, the men of future generations will call you God-like, and remote posterity shall see you standing, dimly glorious, far up the valley of a hundred centuries."

Yours, &c.,  
AN OLD PEDESTRIAN.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, August 5th, 1878.  
Sir,—It is with great reluctance that I

will be remembered that in his former letter to you, "K. A. T. E." made what I consider an altogether unnecessary and somewhat offensive series of references to me on the subject of some portion of Dr Silvester's entertainment. Not having, at that time, either seen the performance in question, or written a line regarding it, it is hard to see on what grounds my name was dragged into the controversy at all. The only answer I vouchsafed to my assailant was a well-meant word of advice on his ungrammatical letter. I positively declined to lower myself by engaging in any argument with him, and any sensible person would have taken the rebuff in the Pickwickian spirit in which it was given, and there the matter would have ended. Not so your belligerent correspondent, however, for he returns to the fray just as effectively, and almost as ungrammatically as before.

Your correspondent states candidly that his offensive references to "An Old Thespian" the other night, were made simply with the intention of eliciting some information respecting the "Entranced Lady," as he felt sure that my knowledge of things in general would "include Mesmerism and Spiritualism." This is a kind of cock and bull declaration which, after referring to "K. A. T. E.'s" former letter, I find has not even the merit of being ingenious, much less truthful. And it has been as he states, surely he would have been ashamed to own the adoption of such a contemptible expedient to obtain information from a person with whom he was entirely unacquainted, and who had made no pretensions to have any knowledge of the subjects whatsoever!

The four paragraphs devoted to your correspondent to personal abuse of myself, although altogether apart from any opinions I have ever advanced, or any notice at my hands. They bear the stamp of a personal attack, and are a gross insult to me.

When, however, "K. A. T. E." attempts to question the veracity of my assertion, that I had seen the "Entranced Lady" trick thoroughly explained at the Polytechnic, he goes just one step too far. My assertion was couched in the following language:—"As yet I have not witnessed the Doctor's performance... but if the 'Beautiful Entranced Lady' is the same trick performed by the 'Fakir of Oulu' at the Oxford Music Hall, London, a few years ago, I know it well in every detail, as I was not only mystified by the Fakir at the Oxford, but had the pleasure of seeing the apparent mystery thoroughly explained at the Polytechnic." Your correspondent gives me the lie direct in this style:—"As far as 'Old Thespian's' assertion goes that he had the pleasure of seeing the apparent mystery explained at the Polytechnic, I am assured you on good authority that Dr. Silvester, who is the Fakir Oulu, never gave an explanation at that building beyond what he gave to the public of Hongkong..."

The absurdity is so apparent that I am surprised how an "Old Thespian," as "Old Thespian" wishes to be thought, could have fallen into the error of making them. Your correspondent might have stated on equally "good authority" that Dr. Silvester never performed his trick at the Polytechnic in any fashion. It is almost superfluous for me to say that I never stated that I saw the mystery explained at that institution by the Fakir of Oulu, so that "K. A. T. E." must get out of his false position in the best way he can. The real facts of the explanation of the trick referred to by me, are few and simple, so simple in fact as to be even within your correspondent's limited capacity. When the Fakir was performing at the Oxford, he conveyed by his modus operandi the impression that Mesmerism was the basis on which his mystery was founded. It is well known to all who have frequented the Polytechnic, that it is a usual custom at that institution to explain or "show up" so-called mysteries, and the clever gentlemen there, in this particular instance, exploded the mesmeric theory by substituting for the "Entranced Lady" a dummy figure, with which they went through the same performance that Dr. Silvester has recently exhibited at the Polytechnic, in conjunction with his daughter. It is not within my apparatus to explain anything concerning the apparatus used by the Fakir in his performance, although, as I stated in my last letter, my friends at the Polytechnic were kind enough to acquaint me with the whole affair; but my interest Dr. Silvester (who by the way is one of the most polite and gentlemanly entertainers I have ever met) to know that there is a non-commissioned officer in this Colony, an old assistant of Anderson's, who has publicly given a representation of the "Entranced Lady," and who I understand has the necessary apparatus.

"K. A. T. E.'s" application to Dr. Silvester for his secret, was certainly a piece of needless impudence, and a less amiable person than the worthy Doctor, would probably have resented the impertinence by physically demonstrating the propelling power of his dexter foot in assisting the passage of our cool friend down the stairs of the Hongkong Hotel.

I am much obliged to "K. A. T. E." for his concluding remarks, especially for the valuable information that he has not spared me in his letter. But does it not forcibly strike our illustrious opponent, that his own attempts to make me believe him to be a Wasp, have ended in showing himself up as an insignificant Gnat?

My pen will be disposed to quarrel with the *sem de plums* of your other correspondent. He has gaged himself with great accuracy, and judging from his few disjointed sentences, we may allow him to wear his cap and bells without protest.

The object of his communication, which by the way is principally made up of opinions extracted from my former letter, is not altogether obvious; but the ways of "Fools" are not like those of other men, and we will therefore be indulgent to this modern Dogberry, whose promised appearance at the Temperance Hall ought to be a great success.

As I have not claimed the possession of any special knowledge of Mesmerism I may be excused from declining to support statements for which I am in no way responsible. I never even alluded to Spiritualism, as suggested by one of your correspondents, and that I claimed for Mesmerism has been practically admitted by the other.

Had "Another Fool" been good enough to have stuck to the truth in his remarks, he might have run riot in his folly until Doomsday without eliciting a single observation from me in return; but when he states that in my previous effusions I called those who differed from me "ribald hygeons," he is guilty of uttering a deliberate falsehood, against which I raise an indignant protest. A reference to the letter in which the expression "ribald hygeons" was used might have been made

before publishing an unfounded statement of such a damaging character.

Unconsciously, Mr Editor, permit me to call the attention of your public and refined (?) correspondents to Fuller's age remarks on the class to which he avowedly belongs (i.e. Natural Fools):—"Their heads are sometimes so little that there is no room for wit: sometimes so long, that there is no wit for so much room."

I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
AN OLD THESPIAN.

## A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS OF HONGKONG.

The *New Zealand Times* and the *New Zealand Mail* publish some lengthy correspondence from a gentleman, connected with the New Zealand newspapers, who evidently made himself thoroughly acquainted with the features and circumstances of this Colony during an excursion here from New Zealand. His letters occupy many columns of the Wellington papers, and are fully descriptive of the Colony, as well as of the voyage up. We make a few extracts from them referring to Hongkong:

In my last I promised to give your readers a description of Hongkong. Now, there is every probability of a steady trade being opened up between that colony and some of the treaty-ports of China and New Zealand, thanks to that very enterprising firm in Wellington, Messrs. W. and G. Turnbull and Co., to whom the people of New Zealand, and more especially those in the Wellington province, are indebted for direct shipments of new season's teas, which are chosen by some of the best tastemasters in China; and a host of other household necessities too numerous to particularize. The *May* has been trading to Hongkong for the last five years; but I believe she is to be taken off to give place to a larger vessel, which the firm is exporting from England.

Bahing Wanchai is a beautiful spot named Happy Valley; on the hills overlooking it are some very large and handsome private residences. It is a delightful walk up the valley, a canal runs up part of the way for the purpose of draining it; clumps of trees are planted here and there, while the walks and carriage-drive have rows of trees on either side. At the head of the valley is the Hongkong Racecourse, a place about half as large again as the Wellington Basin Reserve; there are two grand stands on the grounds, besides training stables. On the south side of the course, and on the side of the hill, stands the cemetery. A stone wall 8 feet high encloses it, and a very massive iron gate is erected in the centre. It is beautifully laid out, with a large variety of trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers. Stone steps and winding footpaths lead up to the higher portions of the grounds, while in the centre is a very handsome fountain. Below a pretty little chateau is seen peeping out among the thick foliage. Everything is kept in the highest order—not a leaf to be seen on the rocks, and the shrubs &c., are kept well trimmed by a large staff of Chinese, whose gardening qualifications are well known, especially in the colonies. Were it not for the numerous monuments and headstones one would think it was a garden attached to a gentleman's house, so tastefully is everything arranged. These monuments, &c., give it a melancholy yet withal a peaceful appearance. Acting thus on the mind, one is inclined to think "here could I rest in peace." The majority of the monuments have been erected in memory of the soldiers and sailors who fell during the siege of Canton and other places in China, by their surviving comrades. Some of the headstones are very elegant, and many of the inscriptions on them quaint and original; several, besides enumerating the many good qualities of the deceased, state the line of business he had followed prior to departing this life. Speaking of monuments and headstones reminds me of a couple of signboards I saw in the Queen's road on returning. I saw in the first place the following in a verbatim copy of what was on some of them:—"Mow ting, Tombstones engraved. Monuments and headstones erected with perfection." "Sing Hing Mow, stonemason, &c., erect most handsome monuments over the grave of anyone." I felt inclined to patronize the last named tradesman owing to his very liberal offer.

The harbor, as I mentioned before, is large, and good anchorage is to be found in any part of it. Ships and steamers anchor wherever they can get a good berth, but they must not encroach on the man-of-war station, which is at the east or Wanchai end, and immediately opposite Government House, and close to the military and naval stores and barracks. There are six docks and three patent slips. The largest, I believe, are the Cosmopolitan Docks, the proprietors of which are W. B. Spratt and Co., and whose active manager is an old Auckland man, who did good service for New Zealand during the Maori war. The length of the dock is 600 ft., beam, 92 ft.; depth of water, 24 ft. fms. The largest ship taken up was the steamer *City of Peking*, which is some 600 tons register.

The following statistics, culled from the latest Government records, which a gentleman in the Registrar-General's office kindly supplied me with, will perhaps be interesting as showing the number of persons and places that are crowded into an area somewhat less than that of Wellington:—

European and American population 3767  
Chinese population 84,426  
" in villages and at Kowloon 16,230  
" boat population 22,745  
" in employ of English 6518  
" police 309  
European 115  
Indian 184  
British military 1228  
" naval 2578  
Indian military 71  
Licensed chairs 700  
" sampans, cargo boats, " junks, &c. 8468  
Public and private buildings, including military & naval barracks 2287

Besides the licensed chairs, there are a large number of private cabs; every mercantile house has three or four, and I believe nearly every private house possesses at least one, so that the total number of chairs will not be far short of 1000. Looking at the Chinese boat population, and the number of boats, it will be seen that there is an average of nearly 60 persons to each boat. I noticed as many as three generations in one boat; but this is not at all surprising, as

the Chinese marry very young. The only surprising thing about it is how they all get a living, seeing that there are such a large number of them, and the remuneration exceedingly small. For 10 cents a sampan will take you to any part of the harbor; the fare is double at night; and one can be had for the whole day for 75 cents. They seldom leave their boats, except it be to purchase their costly fare, which can be got by crossing the ferry along which they are moored; the boat to them being both a place of residence and subsistence. The women do the hardest portion of the work, and it is a common thing to see a woman pull an oar and steer at the same time, having an infant strapped on her back. The youngsters seem quite contented and happy in their position, and it is a rare thing to hear one cry; and yet they get pretty well shaken while the woman is rowing. I have also seen them asleep while their little heads would be jerked backward and forward at the imminent risk of having their necks broken. The woman is generally the best "man" in the boat, and does all the plying or business, and like her European sisters, does most of the talking as well.

There are two daily newspapers, the *China Mail*, published in the evening, and the *Hongkong Press* in the morning. Both are well-written and condensed. Their remarks at present, especially on public affairs generally, and the education question in particular, are studied by the European population with great interest. The Governor and the Catholic bishop come in for some hard knocks from them, especially on the education question. There are also two Chinese papers, issued respectively by the proprietors of the two English journals mentioned, and which are edited and published by Chinese. In fact, both the *Mail* and *Press* composers and press hands, with the exception of a few Portuguese compositors, are Chinese, and their "proofs" are generally pretty clean. Their "picking-up" is necessarily very slow, especially when "setting" from manuscript copy. Reprint their "set" very fairly. The best Chinese hands get about 16 dol. per month, which is remarkably good pay for John. They are also capital bookbinders and rulers, and consequently are very handy about a newspaper office.

During our stay in port we witnessed the Chinese New Year festival, which commenced on the afternoon of 1st February. At night commenced the season when the sons of Ham employ all their energies in exploding crackers and eating pork, and although we were lying fully a mile from Hongkong, the din made by the continuous discharge of crackers was plainly audible. The Chinese new year is also the grand settling day for the twelve months—a time when rates of interest are high, pawnbrokers in great request, robberies frequent, and struggling tradesmen come suddenly to grief. For a week or more before the new year the ships and steamers in harbour are crowded with hawkers of ivory, Japanware, curios, clothes, boots—in fact, all descriptions of trade, eager to sell at almost any figure, so long as they get the dollar. John will come up to you and say, "Me make welly cheap bargain, China new year." If you ask him how much for a certain article, he will probably ask you three times as much as he very often gets. If he fails in driving a bargain he will likely ask you, "You gotte sovell, me makee changes." (old seems to have a great fascination for them, for if you show one they will hang on and haggle with you until a purchase is made and the sovereign is transferred to the purse, when he will sigh and say, "Me makee loss 30 cents," or some other amount. John is a good discernment of character, and acts on it. I have seen one man buy an article for half the amount paid a short time before by another for a similar article.

## China.

(N. C. D. News.)

The French gunboat *Surprise* arrived yesterday (July 29th).

We are informed that the steamer *Encounter*, the winner of this season's tea race, left London for Shanghai, on Saturday last (July 28th).

The water of the Yangtze is still rising. On the 26th the mark at Hankow was 47 feet, having risen nearly six inches in one day.

The China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Kiangnan*, reports that on her downward passage from Hankow she passed the steamer *Hanyang* ashore at Collinson Island.

We hear that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. have withdrawn their agency at Wenchow, a fact that would seem to indicate that the newly-opened port has not yet come up to the expectations of the mercantile community. The steamers *Europe* and *Tahiti* instead of each calling there every alternate trip to Foochow, are, it is said, to call about once a month. The *Europe*, on her last trip, left Wenchow with the old *Waterwitch* in tow, intending to bring her back to Shanghai. But in proceeding down the river, the hull grounded on sandbank and began to fill with water. It was deemed futile to attempt to get her off, and the *Europe* left her. It is said that her internal fittings will be saved, and that her hull will be sold by auction.

Early yesterday morning (July 29th) Captain Hall, of the British schooner *Mount Lebanon*, and his chief officer, narrowly escaped drowning in the Hwangpoo. The vessel is lying in the lower limits, and at six o'clock they took a sampan from one of the Hongkew jetties to go on board. They had proceeded a considerable distance down the river, when they were overtaken by a tugboat towing the barque *John Potts*.

Captain Hall having occasion to speak to Captain McPherson, commander of the barque, a line was thrown to the sampan with the intention of bringing it alongside the tugboat; but the sudden strain on the sampan overrode it, and the three occupants were plunged into the water. Fortunately, the men on board other ships near, saw the mishap, and boats and sampans from them and also from the *John Potts*, were quickly sent to the rescue. Both Captain Hall and his chief officer were good swimmers, and to that fact they chiefly owe their lives. The former was the first to appear at the surface, and after supporting himself for some little time by clinging to the sampan, he was taken on board one of the boats; but the chief officer remained a long time under water, that it was feared he was drowned. However, he came up at last, when nearly all hope was gone, in a dreadful condition, his head and face being covered with blood, which had oozed from ears, to nose, and mouth. Captain Hall himself gripped the drowning man, and prevented him from again sinking. The sampan coiled saved himself by plunging to

his overturned boat. Captain Hall says that so practical a lesson has convinced him of the danger of attempting to "hibb" a sampan across a rough stream, at seven miles an hour.

## CHINKING.

A correspondent writes to us from this port, as follows:—"The current of the Yangtze running so strong as it does here, it was found impossible for the *Hanyang's* bulk to be brought to the Customs jetty to discharge. The cargo had therefore to be discharged in open boats and landed on the open bund for examination. As the Customs have no shed here large enough for this sort of work, goods remain nearly all day in the open and in all sorts of weather. Almost as soon as the *Hanyang* had discharged all her cargo on to the bund, it came on to rain heavily, and the consequence was that nearly half of it was damaged. I was a shipper by the *Hanyang*, and my goods were rendered unmarketable, and through having to be kept in the open and getting wet by reason of the obstructions put in the way of the *Hanyang's* bulk. Who is to pay for such loss? The steamer cannot possibly get freight under such circumstances, and in this way British trade on the river is being interfered with and obstructed. The Customs will not allow any vessel to discharge any cargo alongside the British Concession. Now what was the Concession granted for, unless to serve the interests of merchants and shippers? What would the Shanghai folks say if all their goods had to be openly exposed on the Shanghai bund as each steamer arrived or departed? This is a matter where our Consuls should step in unless they wish to see all power wrested from them by non-progressive individuals. I sincerely hope, on behalf of British trade generally, now that the matter has been so plainly put before the public, that some determined action will be taken by the Consuls, if they wish to prevent on British steamer at least being driven off the river through unnecessary obstruction to trade."

—N. C. D. News.

## Quotations.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878.

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash, \$592½ a 595 credit.

" Old Patna, cash, None credit.

" New Bonavos, cash, 587½ a 570 credit.

" Old Bonavos, cash, None credit.

" New Malwa, cash, 800 credit, 805

" Allowance, Tael, 6 a 12

" Old Malwa, cash, None credit.

" Allowance, Tael, None

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/8

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/9

" 6 months' sight, ... 3/10 a 3/10½

Credit, ... 3/10½

Documentary, 6 months' sight, 8/10½

Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 224

Calcutta, ... 723

Shanghai, demand, ... 723

" 30 days, ... 723

Bar Silver, 17, dwts. Z., ... 109½

Sycee, ... 8 ½

Mexicans, ... 26.50 p.m.

Gold Leaf, ... 5.25

Chinese Sovereigns, ... 5.23

Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.23

Discount, ... 8 to 9 ½

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 82 ½ prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,350

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,425

Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 655

Chinese Insurance Co., \$210

North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,050

H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$850

China Fire Ins. Co., \$240

H.K. & W. Dock Co., 17 ½ prem.

H.K. C. & M. S. Boat Co., 37 ½ prem.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 21

Hongkong Gas Co., \$90

Hongkong Hotel Co., \$68

China Sugar Refining Co., \$42 ½ prem.

Chinese Imperial Loan, £103.



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## THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

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March 5, 1878.

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TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

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## TO LET.

A THREE-STORY DWELLING HOUSE, No. 113, Queen's Road East (Spring Gardens). Water laid on.

Apply to D. NOWROJEE, HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, THE BUNGALOW, No. 24, Gage St.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue House, situate on Praya East.

HOUSE No. 2, Praya East. The basement, together with First Floor, or separate if desired, with possession on the 1st July.

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As also, The DWELLING HOUSE to the Eastward of Pier at Wanchai. May be had as an entire Dwelling or in Apartments of two or three Rooms to suit convenience, with immediate possession. Fine spacious Verandah looking on to Harbour.

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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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## Intimations.

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Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

## AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

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## NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A FIFTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO AND ONE-HALF CENTS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on 8th July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 15th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th July, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, July 4, 1878.

## INSURANCES.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENT in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW, Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or for other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$48,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

FORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

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GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George—the First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

## SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on Buildings and on Goods stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

## YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up—Tls. 420,000. PERMANENT RESERVE FUND—Tls. 230,000. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND—Tls. 104,000.

Total Capital and accumulations this date—Tls. 754,000.

Directors: F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. M. P. EVANS, Esq. C. LUCAS, Esq. C. KRENS, Esq. Wm. MEYER, Esq.

Secretaries: Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai. London Bankers: Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co. Agents in Hongkong & Canton.

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Subject to a charge of 1% for interest on Shareholders' Capital. All the Profits of the Undersigned Business will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1870.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Steamers									
Adria	5	c	Stewart	Brit.	str.	781	July 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Bombay
Alverton	5	c	Darnell	Brit.	str.	1088	July 23	Meyer & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.
Arratoon Apar	5	c	Macfarlane	Brit.	str.	1392	Aug. 2	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Saloon
Bellona	4	c	Alhambra	Brit.	str.	789	July 31	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Saloon
Bombay	2	h		Brit.	str.	743	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Saloon
Camoes	2	h		Brit.	str.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	Saloon
City of Santiago	4	c	Peters	Brit.	str.	1296	Aug. 4	Melchers & Co.	Yokohama & Hio
Conquest	5	c	Scott	Brit.	str.	317	Aug. 1	Kwong Lee Yuen	Hiohow & Haiphong
Djemnah	5	c	Monge	Foh.	str.	2416	Aug. 4	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai
Elga	2	h	Miller	Brit.	str.	999	Aug. 4	Nam Hing	Swatow and Amoy
Fame	6	h	Stapani	Brit.	str.	117		H. K. & W. Poo Dock Co.	Ningpo
Fernow	2	h	Mackie	Brit.	str.	700	Aug. 3	Bun Hin & Co.	Shanghai
Fitzpatrick	5	c	Humphries	Brit.	str.	597	April 18	Gee Chong Hong	Shanghai
Heperia	5	c	Paulsen	Ger.	str.	1038	July 26	Siemssen & Co.	Hiohow & Haiphong
Imbat	5	c	Jones	Brit.	str.	868	Aug. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Karo	5	c	Colling	Brit.	str.	979	July 27	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai
Kienchow	2	h		Brit.	str.			Kwok Acheong	Shanghai
Kwangtung	5	h	Punchard	Brit.	str.	675	Aug. 4	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai
Leyte	1	h	Rinteria	Span.	str.	331	July 30	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
Lorne	4	c	McCulloch	Brit.	str.	1035	July 30	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai
Madras	4	c	Richardson	Brit.	str.	1079	June 30	Hop Kee	Shanghai
Mayenne	3	h	Yin Chun Yen	Anna.	str.		June 20		S'pore and Penang
Moray	4	h	Butcher	Brit.	str.	1427	Aug. 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.
Norden	4	h	Boyer	Dan.	str.	778	July 28	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Nagasaki, &c.
Noma	4	h	Walker	Brit.	str.	608	June 28	Kwok Acheong	Yama & S. F. C.
Oceanic	5	h	Metcalfe	Brit.	str.	8700	July 20	O. & S. S. Co.	Swatow
Olympia	2	h	Nagel	Ger.	str.	777	Aug. 15	Kwok Acheong	Manila
Panama	4	h	Gil	Span.	str.	402	July 16	Remedios & Co.	S'pore and Penang
Parsee	4	h	Sergeant	Brit.	str.	1043	Aug. 8	Melchers & Co.	Saloon
Pernambuco	4	h	Hyde	Brit.	str.	643	Aug. 8	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Rajantianahua	2	h	Hopkins	Brit.	str.	938	July 24	W. H. Ray	Tamsui, &c.
Sea Gull	5	h	Roberts	Amer.	str.	48	July 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai
Taiwan	5	h	Young	Brit.	str.	408	Aug. 4	Siemssen & Co.	Swatow
Yangtze	5	h	Schultze	Brit.	str.	782	June 28	Kwok Acheong	Haiphong
Yotung	2	h	Goggin	Brit.	str.	286	Aug. 4	Landstein & Co.	
Zamboanga	4	c	Aranguren	Span.	str.	651	July 29		
Sailing Vessels									
Albert Russell	7	c	Carver	Amer.	bge.	782	July 15	Russell & Co.	London
Alice D. Cooper	5	h	Humphrey	Amer.	sh.	1383	July 24	Captain	Sourabaya
Alva	3	h	Souza	Pork.	sh.	631	July 16	Brandao & Co.	
Annie Lowry	4	c	Gales	Brit.	bge.	762	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Anton Gunther	2	h	Kuhn	Ger.	bge.	440	July 14	Edward Sellheiss & Co.	
Arabia	4	c	Klaenfoth	Brit.	sh.	1188	Aug. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Athene	8	c	Findlay	Brit.	bge.	605	July 16	Horne Company, Limited	
B. von Middelburg	4	h	Blanker	Dutch	bge.	628	June 17	Siemssen & Co.	
Beethoven	8	h	Haje	Ger.	bge.	340	Aug. 1	Melchers & Co.	
Benefactor	8	c	Hayden	Amer.	bge.	996	Aug. 2	Russell & Co.	
Bertie Bigelow	2	h	Ferguson	Brit.	sh.	1142	July 29	Meyer & Co.	
Biadisa Petrica	2	h	Tancredi	Ital.	bge.	668	Aug. 5	D. Musco & Co.	
Bua Cano	2	h	Lange	Slam.	bge.	888	July 28	Yuen Fat Hong	
Bua Pan	2	c	Moller	Slam.	sh.	674	July 29	Kin-tye-long	
C. L. Pearson	3	c	Swain	Amer.	3m. sh.	694	June 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Carl	3	h	Thomson	Ger.	bg.	215	Aug. 3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Caylon	3	h	Kelly	Amer.	bge.	861	Aug. 5	Olyphant & Co.	
Channel Queen	4	h	Lelaheur	Brit.	bge.	699	June 11	Edward Sellheiss & Co.	
Charité	2	h	Herve	Foh.	bge.	258	Aug. 3	Carlowitz & Co.	
Charlotte Andrews	3	c	Place	Brit.	bge.	888	June 19	Rosario & Co.	
Charon Wattana	2	h	Ulrich	Slam.	sh.	555	July 22	Chinsee	
Christian	4	h	Kosow	Ger.	sch.	585	Aug. 3	Wieler & Co.	
Chioolia	3	h	Kennett	Brit.	bge.	188	Aug. 6	Chinsee	
Coeran	8	h	Cromwell	Amer.	sch.	698	Aug. 18	W. H. Ray	
Corrientes	7	c	White	Brit.	bge.	464	July 1	Olyphant & Co.	
Cresswell	4	h	Staples	Amer.	bge.	684	July 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Dirigo	7	h	Topaz	Brit.	bge.	369	Aug. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Kcho	7	h	Uhlen	Ger.	bge.	447	Aug. 4	Wieler & Co.	
Elisabeth	5	h	Fondini	Ital.	bge.	646	Aug. 2	Order	
Elvetic	1	h	Morris	Brit.	bge.	497	June 16	Russell & Co.	
Fair Leader	1	h	McIntyre	Brit.	bge.	464	Aug. 3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Florence Nightingale	3	c	Taylor	Brit.	sh.	635	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Franklin	7	c	Bruneau	Foh.	bge.	558	Aug. 2	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Frederick	2	c	Kernode	Brit.	bge.	909	May 30	Norton & Co.	
Frederich	4	h	Dau	Ger.	bge.	594	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
Glamorganshire	3	h	McEachern	Brit.	bge.	456	Aug. 2	Kin-tye-long	
Gollah	1	h	Dentzau	Slam.	bge.	542	July 11	Chinsee	
H. Printzenberg	3	c	Schoenemann	Ger.	bge.	583	Aug. 3	Melchers & Co.	
Hawthorn	4	c	Mead	Brit.	bge.	296	Aug. 1	Wieler & Co.	
Highlander	1	h	Hutchinson	Amer.	sh.	1382	June 19	Captain	
Hiram Emery	7	c	Wyman	Amer.	bge.	799	July 12	Russell & Co.	
Jessie Jamieson	5	c	West	Brit.	bge.	504	July 23	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
Josephus	3	c	Rogers	Amer.	sh.	1470	July 15	Russell & Co.	
Kate Tatham	4	c	Pilkethly	Brit.	bge.	275	July 16	Edmund, Ball & Co.	
Kenton	5	h	Colvin	Brit.	bge.	1413	June 4	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Landseer	2	h	Knowie	Amer.	sh.	880	June 23	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
Lodore	7	c	Jones	Brit.	sh.	860	June 29	Meyer & Co.	
Lottie Moore	5	c	Radson	Amer.	bge.	890	July 22	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Madeleine	3	c	Paton	Foh.	bge.	416	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Maudie H.	1	h	Brechwaldt	Ger.	bge.	358	Aug. 5	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
Marco Polo	5	h	McKen	Ger.	bge.	500	June 26	Wieler & Co.	
Marquis of Argyle	5	h	Plumboux	Foh.	bge.	684	July 3	Rosario & Co.	
Mario Langle	4	h	Pinney	Brit.	3m. sh.	237	Aug. 4	Carlowitz & Co.	
May	4	c	Taylor	Amer.	sh.	1308	July 21	Butterfield & Swire	
McNear	4	c	Borgwardt	Ger.	bge.	489	July 11	Wm. Pustau & Co.	
Mercur	3	c	Bisset	Brit.	bge.	621	Aug. 1	O. & S. S. Co.	
Moneta	3	c	Michaelsen	Slam.	bge.	670	July 30	Chinsee	
Morning Star	4	c	Carson	Brit.	bge.	549	May 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Moss Glen	4	c	Windhorst	Ger.	bge.	735	July 5	Melchers & Co.	
Oscar	5	h	Blose	Ger.	bge.	891	Aug. 4	Siemssen & Co.	
Papa	2	h	Christiansen	Ger.	bge.	260	Aug. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Peiho	2	h	Worington	Brit.	bge.	549	July 29	Melchers & Co.	
Penrith	2	h	Taggart	Brit.	bge.	789	June 14	Meyer & Co.	
Per Ardua	3	h	Schoel	Brit.	bge.	576	July 12	Wieler & Co.	
Pheton	3	h	Phelan	Amer.	bge.	682	July 14	Chinsee	
Philip Fitzpatrick	3	h	Linskill	Brit.	sh.	1602	July 30	Messageries Maritimes	
Prince Amadeo	8	c	Moore	Brit.	sh.	1339	July 29	Olyphant & Co.	
Prince Louis	7	c	Harrison	Brit.	bge.	432	July 12	Order	
Queen of the Seas	4	h	Hinsbring	Slam.	bge.	462	Aug. 3	Chinsee	
Rapid	2	h	Bishop	Ger.	bge.	718	June 26	Rosario & Co.	
Rifleman	2	h	Porter	Brit.	sh.	940	July 26	Order	
S. Vaughan	3	h	Lambert	Ger.	sch.	264	July 16	Siemssen & Co.	
San Francisco	7	c	Reithusen	Amer.	bge.	812	July 12	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	
Sarah Bell	6	h	Williams	Amer.	bge.	703	May 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	
Silver Fish	3	h	Chapman	Brit.	sh.	1161	May 27	Meyer & Co.	
Sir Charles Napier	8	c	Clough	Amer.	sh.	1181	Sept. 16	Russell & Co.	
Sir Harry Parkes	3	h	Dixon	Amer.	sh.	1097	July 15	Insurance Company	
Summer Red	4	h	Buthmann	Slam.	sh.	636	July 6	Yuen Fat Hong	
T. Hong Kong	1	h	Kasemza	Ger.	bg.	266	Aug. 4	Melchers & Co.	
Tartar	2	h	Armstrong	Brit.	sh.	687	Aug. 4	Siemssen & Co.	
Taunton	1	h	d'Argeose	Slam.	bge.	1000	Aug. 8	Chinsee	
Tay Watt	7	c	Bice	Brit.	sh.	1745	July 15	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
The Tweed	7	c	Vorath	Slam.	bge.	474	July 29	Siemssen & Co.	
Thoon Kramon	4	h	Harrison	Brit.	bge.	605	June 2	Rosario & Co.	
Tobata	4	h	Golder	Brit.	bge.	843	June 19	Olyphant & Co.	
Tyburnia	2	h	Healy	Amer.	bktine.	693	Aug. 4	Russell & Co.	
William Phillips	4	h	Vandervord	Brit.	bge.	481	Aug. 3	Rosario & Co.	
WEAMPOA									
Roberts	3	h	Thomson	Ger.	bg.	258	Aug. 3	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Tientsin
St. Idene	3	h	Durand	Foh.	bge.	388	July 24	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin
Vesta	3	h	Dicks	Ger.	bge.	802		Melchers & Co.	Tientsin
CANTON									
Ningpo	2	h	Cass	Brit.	str.	761	Aug. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai